**2025 Application for State College Bird Club**

**Bird Conservation/Research/Education Grant**

Each year the State College Bird Club Endowment, managed by Centre Foundation, generates funds which the club disburses to support activities and projects related to bird conservation, research and/or education in the Centre region (Centre and its contiguous counties). The amount available for distribution in 2025 is **$1,416.00.** These funds will be disbursed as either several small grants or one larger grant.

Please complete the application below and submit as a pdf email attachment to Susan Braun at braun3112@gmail.com by April 30, 2025. Applications will be reviewed in May by the SCBC selection committee. Applicants will be notified about funding decisions by June 1, 2025 Questions regarding the funding or application can be directed to committee members: Susan Braun (braun3112@gmail.com), Deb Escalet (d5me16@gmail.com) or Peggy Wagoner (raven966@gmail.com).

**Deadline: April 30, 2025**

**Grant award notification: June 1, 2025**

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**Organization if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Contact Information:**

Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_--**

**Project Type:** Check all that apply

 \_\_\_ Research \_\_\_ Education \_\_\_ Conservation

\_\_\_ Other (describe)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Program/Project Summary**:

 Please provide a brief (1-2 sentences) summary of your proposed project \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Purpose and Need**: (attach additional page(s))

Please describe the nature of your proposed project in detail. Consider including:

* The needs, problems or challenges that will be addressed.
* How will the project/program address those needs?
* Where will the project take place?
* How will this project contribute to bird conservation?
* If you are a student, please include a brief letter of recommendation from an academic or research advisor.
* What else would you like to say about this project?

**Project Timeframe:** Start date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ End Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Any additional explanation: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Budget:** (attach additional page(s))

 Amount requested \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not more than $1416.00)

 Describe the expenses related to the project and how you will use these funds.

Please submit this application as a pdf email attachment to Susan Braun (braun3112@gmail.com) by April 30, 2025.

After project(s) are selected by the selection committee, the full SCBC Board will vote its approval and bring their decision to participating SCBC members for final approval of fund distribution.

If your project is selected, you will receive an award letter for your signature by July 1, 2025, to release the funds we have granted. The award letter also includes terms for you to agree to as follows:

* Use grant funds only as you described in your application.
* Please acknowledge the financial support provided by State College Bird Club for your project.
* At completion of the funded project period (June 1, 2026), please provide us with one photo that represents your project; SCBC may use this photo in a presentation to the club or in its promotional materials.
* Please provide a brief report to members of SCBC during our regular September 2026 meeting. Ideally, we would like a short (not more than 5 minutes) in-person presentation describing your project. Alternately, we would accept a short written report (not more than 2 pages), or a series of captioned photos that could be presented by one of the selection committee members during our September bird club meeting.